

by his methods of governing, are trying to force down his self-confidence. It is an open secret that the governments of Bavaria, Württemberg, and Saxony will not co-operate in imperial matters unless the Emperor consults them more on the general lines of his policy.

One of the chief features of the moment is the disunion among the Prussians, partly since the Prussian members of the Landtag, and partly since the Prussian members of the Reichstag, have given the leadership of the opposition to the Conservatives, and the Imperialists and the right wing of the National Liberals are forming a reactionary group against the liberal policy of the Government and the Prussian party will be compelled to close its ranks.

The Socialists have a momentary food over the workmen's proposals for celebration on May 1st. The police have given warning that they will not tolerate street demonstrations.

The Prussian party will be able to give a strong foreign policy. The Emperor will be able to give a strong foreign policy. The Emperor will be able to give a strong foreign policy.

THE EMPRESS WILLIAM AND HER MOTHER.
New York, 13th April.
A cable special to the *Express* from London says: Countess Waldeck, the New York Governor's daughter, and Empress Frederick, Queen Victoria's daughter, are looked on here as rivals for the control of the young Kaiser. He is, however, entirely devoted to his mother, and the bitterness which marked their relations during the last four years has disappeared. Not a day is allowed to pass without their seeing one another. The Empress's mother is for her own and reasonable to a woman to exercise a predominating influence on all who are brought in contact with her. William is too independent, however, and self-reliant to submit to any control, and the Countess, as Victoria's daughter, who possesses the feminine art of not allowing a man either to see or to feel the need of her, is a diplomatic enough to give him the influence which he is leading while in reality he is being led. The last of Empress Frederick has triumphed where the Countess has failed. It was not her indignation that she had the Emperor's former tutor, Professor Hitzinger, to Berlin and after creating him Privy Councillor gave his preference to his advice over that of the Countess. Countess Waldeck is probably the only woman in the Prussian capital who is at the power of intellect is concerned, and in any way compared to the young monarch's mother. The latter has been extremely jealous of the influence acquired over her son and daughter-in-law by her American rival, and during the brief reign of Emperor Frederick she prevailed upon him to keep both the Count and his wife at a distance from Berlin. On the present occasion the Countess has almost completely succeeded in her aim. The Countess has almost completely succeeded in her aim. The Countess has almost completely succeeded in her aim.

THE SITUATION IN RUSSIA.
La Paz, supposed to be inspired, 9th April.
There is talk of the possibility of an agreement between France and Germany, to be followed by general disarmament. La Paz thinks that Emperor William will not shrink from any means to attain this end.

French politicians are inclined to believe that Emperor William is preparing a grand coup, by which an alliance with Germany will be secured, involving, among other things, the settlement of the vexed Bulgarian question. As a result of this effect comes from St. Petersburg, and Vienna. The latter is strengthened by the fact that the Emperor will meet the Czar on the frontier on the pretence of a hunting expedition.

Some politicians about the idea of a Russo-German alliance, and Russia will never consent to enter the triple alliance unless the other high contracting parties are willing to conform to her wishes, which they consider impossible.

APPEARANCE OF THE CARRIAGE.
A terrible plague has been spreading since over a large section of Southern Russia. Millions of dead men, in such numbers as to be credible, have been reported from the provinces of the Russian Empire. The plague has been spreading since over a large section of Southern Russia. Millions of dead men, in such numbers as to be credible, have been reported from the provinces of the Russian Empire. The plague has been spreading since over a large section of Southern Russia. Millions of dead men, in such numbers as to be credible, have been reported from the provinces of the Russian Empire.

ST. PETERSBURG, 9th April.
Information received from St. Petersburg is to the effect that the Czar still remains in a terribly nervous condition, while the Czarina is threatened with insanity. She is at present protected from a serious attack by being kept in the country, and is not allowed to leave her room or to walk in the garden. No account of her wretched condition is allowed to find its way into the papers here.

ST. PETERSBURG, 9th April.
It is stated that the Emperor is willing to the Czar's army, advising him to make liberal concessions to the Russian people.

BERLIN, 12th April.
Court circles from St. Petersburg are that a movement in favour of the Czar's army, advising him to make liberal concessions to the Russian people.

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STANLEY'S POSITION.

NEW YORK, 12th April.
A cable special to the *Telegram* from London says: There is little doubt that the present Stanley position is a result of the Emperor's policy, possibly before the July crisis. There is a strong opinion, too, that before the Emperor's policy, possibly before the July crisis. There is a strong opinion, too, that before the Emperor's policy, possibly before the July crisis.

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PARIS, 14th April.
The further trials of the new electric machine torpedo boat, named after the inventor, have been held at Cherbourg. The boat was subjected to three-quarters of an hour. It performed a number of manoeuvres, which prove that it can be handled with perfect ease and safety under water.

PARIS, 14th April.
Private accounts from the Hague report the King of the Netherlands to be in such a precarious state that he may now die at any moment. In fact, every preparation has been quietly made there in anticipation of his Majesty's demise. All state business is now transacted with the Ministers by Queen Emma, as the King is practically an invalid, and it is impossible that he will survive in his present condition of mental and physical decrepitude. The Court physicians are astonished that the King has lasted so long.

VIENNA, 14th April.
A profound sensation has been caused here in society circles by the announcement in the *Official Court Gazette* this evening that Prince Charles of Saxe-Coburg, nobilitated Austrian Prince of the Imperial Austrian House of Habsburg, has been judicially declared a spendthrift and placed under the guardianship of his uncle. The Prince is 45 years old. He took to drinking at an early age, and has since then been a confirmed drunkard. He has been judicially declared a spendthrift and placed under the guardianship of his uncle.

THE FRENCH MAIL.
The M. M. steamer *Frederick*, from Marseilles, left with the London mail of the 4th inst., arrived here yesterday morning. The following telegrams are taken from Ceylon papers:—
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MAILS EXPECTED.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.
The P. & O. steamer *Reatta*, with the English mail, left Singapore on the 4th at 5 p.m. and is due on the 12th inst.

THE INDIAN MAIL.
The steamer *Deven*, with the Indian mail, left Singapore on the 4th, and is due on the 12th inst.

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